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SUBJ: JACKSON'S MEETING WITH GENERAL WU XIUQUAN  
1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.  
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2. SUMMARY: AT AN AUGUST 17 MEETING BETWEEN SENATOR JACKSON AND GENERAL WU XIUQUAN, HEAD OF THE BEIJING INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES, WU NOTED THE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS SINCE THE BALDRIDGE VISIT. HE LINKED THE WEINBERGER VISIT TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUES, BUT REFUSED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE CHINESE. HE WAS BLUNT IN STATING CHINA'S POSITION THAT THERE MUST BE A DOLLAR REDUCTION IN ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN. ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, HE GAVE SOME DETAILS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST REGARDING THE ORIGINS OF THE SINO-SOVIET SPLIT: IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, HE CLAIMED THE SOVIETS ARE STILL NOT WILLING TO PAY FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS.  
3. THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON SENATOR JACKSON'S MEETING WITH WU XIUQUAN (WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY SENATOR JACKSON), IS BEING SENT LIMDIS AT HIS REQUEST.  
4. OVERALL STRATEGIC SITUATION: AT SENATOR JACKSON'S REQUEST, GENERAL WU COMMENTED ON CHANGES IN THE WORLD SITUATION SINCE HE AND THE SENATOR HAD MET IN 1979. WU SAID AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND LATIN AMERICA HAD ALL BECOME MORE COMPLICATED. FOUR YEARS AGO THERE WAS NO IRAN-IRAQ WAR, AND THE SOVIETS HAD NOT INVADED AFGHANISTAN. FOUR YEAR AGO, SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE "A GOOD IDEAL WORSE" (GENG LIHAI YIDIAN). MOREOVER, CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS UNDERGONE CHANGE -- IT IS NOW A COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY.  
5. WU COMMENTED THAT HE AND JACKSON WERE MEETING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUGUST 17 COMMUNIQUE, AND THAT SINCE THE BALDRIDGE VISIT THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS OF GRADUAL GROWTH IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID BLUNTLY THAT IF THERE WERE NO PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS, JACKSON WOULD NOT BE IN BEIJING.  
6. WEINBERGER VISIT: WU LINKED THE WEINBERGER VISIT TO THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUE. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS MADE HIS DECISION WITH REGARD TO

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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, BUT WHEN WEINBERGER  
IS IN BEIJING

THE CHINESE SIDE HOPES TO SETTLE QUESTIONS TO SOME  
EXTENT. WU SAID HALF-JOKINGLY THAT HE HOPED WEINBERGER  
"WOULD HAVE A THICK POCKETBOOK," BUT WHEN SENATOR  
JACKSON QUERIED WHETHER THIS MEANT THE CHINESE HAD  
ANYTHING SPECIFIC THEY WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH WEINBERGER,  
WU REPLIED THAT THE CHINESE WERE STILL CONSIDERING THEIR  
POSITION, AND THAT THEY WOULD ADOPT A PRACTICAL ATTITUDE.  
CHINA WOULD NOT SET EXCESSIVELY HIGH OR EXCESSIVELY LOW  
GOALS, BUT WOULD CONSIDER CHINA'S POSSIBILITY TO ABSORB  
TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE US CAN  
PROVIDE. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, WU REFUSED TO BE  
DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF ANY SPECIFIC ITEM OR WEAPONS  
SYSTEM OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO CHINA. HE DID STRESS  
THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO HAVE MORE FREQUENT  
CONSULTATIONS ON STRATEGIC MATTERS.

7. ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN: WU NOTED THAT PRESIDENT  
REAGAN HAS ALREADY MADE THE DECISION TO REDUCE, IN  
QUANTITY AND QUALITY, THE "RMS BEING SOLD, TO TAIWAN.  
HE ADDED THAT CHINA HOPED THE PACE WILL BE QUICKER, AND  
REFLECTED IN TERMS OF US DOLLARS. US GOVERNMENT AND  
ECONOMIC CIRCLES HAD SAID THAT THE US SHOULD TAKE  
INFLATION INTO ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO WU, BUT HE WARNED  
THAT IF THERE IS NO SIGN OF REDUCTION IN TERMS OF US  
DOLLARS THIS WOULD RAISE OBSTACLES IN SINO-AMERICAN  
RELATIONS.

8. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS -- HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:  
JACKSON ASKED ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THE SINO-SOVIET  
SPLIT IN 1960, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THE TRANSFER  
OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND SOVIET DEMANDS FOR JOINT  
COMMAND OVER CHINA'S ARMED FORCES. (WU CONFIRMED THAT  
BOTH OF THESE HAD BEEN FACTORS, AND ADDED THAT THE  
SOVIETS HAD EVEN WANTED JOINT COMMAND OVER RADIO  
STATIONS. JACKSON RECALLED THAT IN 1959 HE HAD  
SEEN KHRUSHCHEV OFF FROM WASHINGTON;  
WU REPLIED THAT HE HAD MET HIM  
IN BEIJING. THAT MEETING OSTENSIBLY TO COMMEMORATE  
THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRC'S FOUNDING, WAS A  
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VERY UNPLEASANT ONE. IT HAD GONE SO BADLY, IN FACT,  
THAT MAO HAD INTENTIONALLY ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM A  
BANQUET IN KHRUSHCHEV'S HONOR IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE  
THE PRC'S DISSATISFACTION.

9. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS -- THE CURRENT ROUND: WU  
SAID THAT HE HAD ATTENDED MOST OF THE BEIJING SESSIONS  
HELD BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS, AND IMPLIED THAT HE  
WOULD CONTINUE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT. AT THE MOST RECENT  
ROUND, CHINA HAD REITERATED ITS POSITION ON THE "THREE  
OBSTACLES" (AFGHANISTAN, KAMPUCHEA, AND TROOPS ALONG  
THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER, INCLUDING FIVE SOVIET  
DIVISIONS IN MONGOLIA). WU SAID CHINA IS NOT  
DEMANDING THAT THERE BE MOVEMENT ON ALL THREE  
ISSUES AT THE SAME TIME; MOVEMENT ON ONE WOULD  
BE ENOUGH AND THIS SHOULD BE KAMPUCHEA. UP TO  
THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS HAD GIVEN NO  
INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO MOVE ON ANY OF THEM.

10. THERE HAD, SAID WU, BEEN TWO CHANGES IN THE  
LAST ROUND. FIRST, THE SOVIET ATTITUDE DURING THE  
TALKS HAD BEEN CALM; THIS IS A MAJOR CHANGE. HE  
ADDED THAT CHINA HAS ALSO LOWERED ITS VOICE.  
SECOND, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT EVEN IN THE ABSENCE  
OF A SETTLEMENT, THERE COULD BE IMPROVEMENT ON OTHER  
PERIPHERAL ISSUES. WU SAID THE CHINESE ASSESSMENT  
IS THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, BUT  
THEY ARE NOT YET READY TO PAY FOR IT. THE CHINESE

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THEREFORE KEEP TELLING THE SOVIETS THAT IF THEY ARE  
UNWILLING TO PAY, THERE CAN ONLY BE A PARTIAL  
IMPROVEMENT, NOT A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.  
11. CHINESE ASSESSMENT OR SOVIET STRATEGIC PLANNING:  
JACKSON ASKED FOR WU'S ASSESSMENT OF CHINA'S POSITION  
ALONG THE BORDER AREA. WU REPLIED THAT CHINA ADOPTS  
A DEFENSIVE STRATEGY, SO THAT AN INVADING FORCE  
REQUIRES MANY MORE TROOPS THAN THE DEFENDERS.  
JACKSON ASKED WHAT RATIO THE SOVIETS WOULD SEEK  
IN A CLASH AND WU REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ABOUT  
5 TO 1 AGAINST CHINA. WU ADDED THAT CHINA HAS A LOT  
OF ROOM TO MANEUVER, MUCH MORE THAN NATO FORCES IN  
EUROPE. JACKSON NOTED THAT NATO HAS ANTI-TANK WEAPONS,  
AND ASKED WHETHER THE CHINESE WERE INTERESTED IN THESE.  
WU STUCK TO HIS EARLIER POSITION, AND REFUSED TO BE  
DRAWN OUT ON THIS ISSUE. HUMMEL  
END OF MESSAGE

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